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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. WE WILL BE LAUNCHING A MAJOR EFFORT THIS WEEK WITH THE HOUSE TO ACHIEVE A LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. I BELIEVE THAT AS THAT EFFORT BEGINS

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TO UNFOLD IT WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE SHAH BOTH THE CON-

TINUING VITAL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY AND THE MEASURES WE PROPOSE TO INSURE THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT FURTHER DETERIORATE.

2. CONSEQUENTLY YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO TELL HIS MAJESTY (A) THAT WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN PRESERVING A RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BOTH US AND IRAN AND (B) THAT WE WILL BE MOUNTING A MAJOR EFFORT IN THE DAYS AHEAD TO ACHIEVE THE COOPERATION OF THE CONGRESS IN MEASURES TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND THUS HOPEFULLY END THE CURRENT DETERIORATION IN OUR TIES WITH TURKEY.

3. YOU SHOULD TELL THE SHAH THAT AS THIS EFFORT UNFOLDS, WE WILL BE URGING THE TURKS TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN ACTIONS AGAINST OUR FACILITIES OF THE KIND THAT THEY INFORMED US BY NOTE OF JUNE 17 WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE FACE OF A CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THE SHAH CAN DO IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TURKS TO HELP INSURE SUCH RESTRAINT. KISSINGER
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